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PARALLEL PRIMER EXTENSION APPROACH TO NUCLEIC ACID  
SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY	
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X \$ 9	\$ 0
X \$40	\$ 0

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the claims as indicated below.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-21.

Please add new Claims 22-53.